

RESOLUTION 98- 22

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE EXISTING FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE RULE 1B-2.001,3(d)2 IN THE STATE AID TO LIBRARIES LANGUAGE AND OPPOSING ANY CHANGE TO THAT LANGUAGE.

WHEREAS, the Florida Administrative Code requirements for State Aid to Libraries help ensure that public dollars and public library services are administered by educationally qualified, well-trained individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Master of Library Science degree accredited by the American Library Association is conferred only after successful completion of a rigorous program designed to train professional librarians; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned degree is widely accepted as the national standard; and

WHEREAS, the current State Aid to Libraries Rule 1B-2.001, Section 3(d)2 recognizes and incorporates that degree as a requirement; and


WHEREAS, the Courts have upheld the use of the Master of Library Science degree as accredited by the American Library Association as a legitimate, nondiscriminatory standard for hiring librarians (see Merwine vs. Board of Trustees); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, that it affirms its support for the current State Aid to Libraries requirement as it is written in Florida Administrative Code Rule 1B-2.001, Section 3(d)2 ("Eligibility for State Aid to Libraries") and opposes any change proposed to that Rule.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 27th day of January, 1998.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Moses A. Floyd
Moses A. Floyd, Chairman


ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: Patricia D. Prude
Deputy Clerk